Pre-Interview Communication (For use in the First Action Interview Pilot Program)	Application No. 10/734,725	Applicant(s) JOHNSON ET AL.	
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To avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must, within this time period for reply, file:

(1) A letter requesting <u>not</u> to have a first-action interview, or

(2) A completed Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form (PTOL-413A) accompanied by a proposed amendment or arguments.

Inventor participation in the Pre-First Action Interview is encouraged if it would expedite resolution of the application.

Disposition of Claims

3)☒ Claim(s) *1-8,26-37* is/are pending in the application.

    3a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

4)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

5)☒ Claim(s) *1-8,26-37* is/are rejected.

6)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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8)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

9)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

10)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

11)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

      1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

      2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

      3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

    *See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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Attachment(s)

1)☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2)☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3)☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date *10/28/04,1/12/07,3/20/08,6/24/08,7/18/08.*

4)☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .

5)☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6)☐ Other: _____ .

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Notification of Rejection(s) and/or Objection(s)

#	Claim(s)	Reference(s) (if applicable)	Rejection Statutory Basis	Brief Explanation of Rejection
1	29		objection	Claim 29 depends on a canceled claim. Claim 29 will be assumed to be dependent on claim 1.
2	1-8,26-37	A	102(e)	Claims 1, 5, 30 (col. 3, lines 25-53, col. 8, line 53-col. 9, line 64). Claims 2,3,6,7,8,26,28,31-37 (col. 8, line 53-col. 9,line 64, col. 10, lines 25-col. 11,line 20).

Expanded Discussion/Commentary

2		Claims 4,27,29 (col. 3, line54-col. 4, line 60, col. 8, line53-col. 9, line 64 et seq.).
3		IDs filed 1/12/2007 with the heading of "Pays, P. et al., An intermediation and payment..." is missing pages. Please provide the full document.

DATE: 12/19/2008	/David E. England/ Examiner, Art Unit 2443	